



State Senator
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Shiawassee-Livingston-Southern Ingham counties

Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at www.senate.michigan.gov/garcia

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE

A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

- SB 1294 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (Brater)
Amends the drain code of 1956 to provide for watershed management districts.
- SB 1295 JURY SERVICE SYSTEM (Hammerstrom)
Revises system for requiring jury service and excusing prospective jurors. Amends
- SB 1296 SWITCHBLADE POSSESSION (Thomas)
Prohibits the manufacture, sale or possession of switchblades, or sharp-edged, multi-bladed devices.
- SB 1297 ISABELLA COUNTY PROPERTY (Cropsey)
Provides for conveyance of state owned property currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Police and located in the city of Mt. Pleasant in Isabella County.
- SR 271 LANDFILL IDENTIFICATION (Bishop)
Urges the Department of Environmental Quality to identify all landfills in the state, both existing and closed, and provide this information to the local units of government.
- SB 1298 PARENTING TIME (Cropsey)
Revises the reference to "child custody" in the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act to "parenting time."
- SB 1299 PARENTING TIME (Hardiman)
Revises the reference to "child custody" in the Friend of the Court Act to "parenting time."
- SB 1300 PARENTING TIME (Patterson)
Revises the reference to "child custody" in the Surrogate Parenting Contract Act to "parenting time."
- SB 1301 PARENTING TIME (Barcia)
Revises the reference to "child custody" in the Office of Child Support Act to "parenting time."
- SB 1302 TECHNOLOGY PARK TAX EXEMPTION (Patterson)
Exempts start-up businesses in a technology park development from the technology park facilities tax for five years.

- SB 1303 START-UP BUSINESS TAX EXEMPTION (Gilbert)
Exempts start-up businesses from city utility users tax for five consecutive tax years if the business filed an exemption affidavit claiming exemption with the treasurer of the city.
- SB 1304 START-UP BUSINESS TAX EXEMPTION (Birkholz)
Exempts a start-up business's building, new facility or a replacement facility from the industrial facility tax for five years.
- SB 1305 START-UP BUSINESS TAX EXEMPTION (Bernero)
Exempts start-up businesses from the taxation of lessees and users of tax-exempt property for five years.
- SB 1306 PRISONER DISEASE TESTING (Scott)
Requires HIV, AIDS and hepatitis C prisoner testing as a condition of release on parole or release upon completion of sentence.
- SB 1307 NEONATAL ADDICTION COUNSELING (Scott)
Provides for neonatal and fetal alcohol syndrome preventative counseling and support services.
- SB 1308 NONBIOGRADABLE SHOPPING BAG TAX (Jelinek)
Imposes a tax on the retail use of non-biodegradable shopping bags at two cents per bag; earmarks funds for public school operating purposes and regional recycling operations.
- SB 1309 PAVEMENT MARKING VEHICLE WEIGHT (Allen)
Exempts weight limits for pavement marking vehicles for exceeding the loading maximum by not more than 20 percent.
- SR 272 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PHRASE SUPPORT (Birkholz)
Expresses support for the United States Supreme Court ruling that permits the inclusion of the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; urges the court to maintain the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance with this phrase.

Committee Hearings

To learn when both Senate and House committee hearings will take place, visit www.michiganlegislature.org and select the committee hearings icon.